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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : MARR, BA

SUBJECT : MIDDLE EAST FORCE IN BAHRAIN : NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

DEBATE

1. IN JANUARY 26 SESSION NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RADICAL  
OPPOSITION DEPUTIES FORMALLY TABLED REQUEST FOR DEBATE ON  
MIDEASTFOR PRESENCE, APPARENTLY EXPECTING GOVERNMENT TO  
EXERCISE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO POSTPONE DEBATE UP TO TWO  
WEEKS. IN SURPRISE TACTIC (EVIDENTLY DECIDED AT LAST MINUTE)  
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GOVERNMSNT AGREED TO DEBATE ISSUE IMMEDIATELY IN CLOSED

SESSION, THUS CATCHING OPPOSITION SOMEWHAT UNPREPARED.

2. ACCORDING MIN. OF INFORMATION AND MIN. OF LABOR GOVERNMENT NOT DISPLEASED WITH RESULTS. OPPOSITION MEMBERS RAISED MANY CRITICAL POINTS, RIGHT-WING RELIGIOUS BLOC (AS ON SO MANY ISSUES) DISPLAYED SUBSTANTIAL CONFUSION AS TO WHAT NAVY PRESENCE WAS ALL ABOUT, AND MODERATE CENTRIST ELEMENTS DID NOT RISE TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT. NEVERTHELESS FOREIGN MINISTER HANDLED GOVERNMENT'S CASE IN REPORTEDLY EFFECTIVE LOW KEY MANNER, DISPLAYING (THANKS TO COMIDEASTFOR ADMIRAL HANKS) DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF MIDEASTFORCE OPERATIONS, STRESSING PEACEFUL ROLE OF FORCE, AND DRAWING ON USG ASSURANCES THAT NO CHANGE CONTEMPLATED IN TRADITIONAL MIDEASTFOR MISSION. NO VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CRITICS WERE PERMITTED TO TALK THEMSELVES OUT.

3. CABINET MINISTERS CONSIDER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ASPECT OF MIDEASTFORCE QUESTION CLOSED FOR THE TIME BEING. MIN. OF INFORMATION, TO DISPELL POSSIBLY PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT "SECRET" NATURE OF DEBATE, HAS ARRANGED FOR PRIME MINISTER TO RESPOND TO QUESTION ON NAVY PRESENCE, IN INTERVIEW TO BE PUBLISHED IN KUWAIT'S AL QABAS JANUARY 28.

4. FOR KUWAIT: WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY OF PM'S RESPONSE AS PUBLISHED.

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